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Reform Inquiry*

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Staff Discussion Topics

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Discussion # 1

Tariff-Filing Requirements

1. References to Outside Documents
2. Electronic Access to ICC Tariff Revisions and Non-Proprietary Supporting Materials
3. Formal v. informal process?
4. Filing period:
 - a. Expedited filing requests – how best to handle?
 - b. Can/should Dept. *extend* 30-day req't?
5. How to handle placeholder tariffs or general failure to file revisions? Similar to action post DTC 07-9?
6. Additional suggestions?

Discussion # 2

Rate Reductions

1. Which rates and rate elements will be included in ongoing reductions?
2. How to best determine “functionally equivalent” elements?
3. If carrier introduces a new composite rate, for example switched tandem rate, which rates should they match (which rates to account for in the composite)?
4. Terminating Carrier Owns the Serving Tandem Switch - Do these rates stay at the level of 2013 and only start going down in 2017? How many terminating carriers own a serving tandem switch? What data would ensure carriers’ compliance with this rule?
5. VoIP-PSTN - How will originating VoIP-PSTN traffic be billed after June 30, 2014?
6. Recip Comp -
 - a. In how many existing ICAs do recip comp rates differ from tariff rates?
 - b. Are tariffed recip comp rates below or above \$0.0007/\$0.005?
 - c. Please provide tariff citations to any recip comp rates.
7. Additional questions or suggestions?

Discussion # 3

Supporting Data

1. How should the Dept address confidentiality requests? Thusfar, Department has granted requests via letter Orders; has pending requests for 2013.
2. AT&T indicates that several price cap carriers are developing a format for materials to be submitted that support carriers' proposed reductions. Can AT&T or others provide any insight on the anticipated data to be included? ETA?
3. Additional supporting data questions or suggestions?

Discussion # 4

Miscellaneous Issues

- How do historical benchmarking/capping requirements align with the mandated cap for CLECs on both interstate and intrastate rates?
- How to address revisions on existing CLEC tariffs v. new CLEC access tariffs?
- Additional questions?